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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. In combination with a disposable beverage container having a generally  
inverted frusto-conical side wall and an upper access opening surrounded by a radially  
outwardly extending peripheral bead adapted to be connected to a disposable container  
lid by a snap fit within a downwardly and radially outwardly depending peripheral skirt  
on the lid, a double walled insulating vessel including an inner liner having a frusto-  
conical inner surface with an upper access opening surrounded by an axially directed  
edge and shaped to matingly receive said container with said side wall abutting said  
surface about substantially its entire extent and with said edge abutted against an  
underside of said bead while leaving a radially outer part of said bead uncovered to be  
received and snap fitted within the skirt of a disposable lid, and an outer body  
surrounding, in spaced relation, said inner liner, said inner liner and said outer body  
being sealingly attached to one another just below said axially directed edge thereby  
defining an insulating space between said inner liner and said outer body with said outer

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14 body being in non-interfering relation to the placement of a lid on the bead of the  
container.

2 2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said axially directed edge is adapted  
to underlie said skirt in non-contacting relation.

2 3. The combination of claim 1 wherein said inner liner and said outer body  
are formed of metal.

2 4. The combination of claim 1 wherein said inner liner and said outer body  
are formed of plastic.

2 5. The combination of claim 4 wherein said inner liner includes a radially  
outwardly directed flange located just below said axially extending edge and said bead  
and said outer body is sealed to said flange.

2 6. The combination of claim 1 further including a grip on said outer body  
located near the top thereof.

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7. The combination of claim 1 wherein said container is suspended within  
said inner liner by the abutment of said bead and said axially extending edge.

8. An insulating cup holder comprising:  
an inner liner having a tapered side wall terminating in a circular access  
opening at a top thereof adapted to receive a cup;  
a generally axially directed edge extending around the periphery of said  
access opening and adapted to engage a bead on a cup inwardly of a radially outer part  
thereof; and  
an outer body surrounding said inner liner in spaced relation thereto to  
define an insulating space therebetween;  
said outer body terminating an axially directed circular edge engaging  
and sealed to said inner liner below the axially directed edge of said inner liner so that  
the upper extent of said cup holder is defined entirely by said axially directed edge of  
said inner liner.

9. The combination of claim 8 wherein said inner liner and said outer body  
are formed of metal.

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10. The combination of claim 8 wherein said inner liner and said outer body  
are formed of plastic.

11. The combination of claim 10 wherein said inner liner includes a radially  
outwardly directed flange located just below said axially extending edge and said bead  
and said outer body is sealed to said flange.

12. The combination of claim 8 further including a grip on said outer body  
located near the top thereof.

13. The combination of claim 8 wherein said container is suspended within  
said inner liner by the abutment of said bead and said axially extending edge.

14. In combination with a disposable beverage container having a generally  
inverted frusto-conical side wall and an upper access opening surrounded by a radially  
outwardly extending peripheral bead adapted to be connected to a disposable container  
lid by a snap fit within a downwardly and radially outwardly depending peripheral skirt  
on the lid, a bottom on said container, a double walled insulating vessel including an

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6 inner liner having a frusto-conical inner surface with a bottom and an upper access  
opening with a circular edge and shaped to matingly receive said container with said  
8 side wall abutting said surface about substantially its entire extent and with said bottom  
abutted against the bottom of said container while leaving a radially outer part of said  
10 bead uncovered to be received and snap fitted within the skirt of a disposable lid, and  
an outer body surrounding, in spaced relation, said inner liner, said inner liner and said  
12 outer body being sealingly attached to one another thereby defining an insulating space  
between said inner liner and said outer body with said outer body being in non-  
14 interfering relation to the placement of a lid on the bead of the container.

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